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Snow Hill Man Wins \$196,673 "Carolina Cash 5" Top Prize -Education Lottery Breaks Sales Records!-

RALEIGH-Powerball and "Carolina Cash 5" produced some big winners over the weekend. Joseph Taylor of **Snow Hill** had five lucky numbers in the Friday, May 2, "Carolina Cash 5" drawing. His ticket matched all five white balls to win the top prize of \$196,673!

Taylor was on his way home from Wilson when he called the North Carolina Education Lottery's (NCEL's) automated Player Hotline to get the winning numbers. When he saw that all five numbers matched the ones on his ticket, he thought, "It can't be real!" He says the 20 minute drive home "seemed like it took hours."

Taylor plans to use the money for home improvements. He and his wife also plan to save some of the money. Taylor bought his winning ticket at Allan's Convenience Store on Herring Avenue in **Wilson**.

Three tickets in the Saturday, May 3, Powerball drawing matched four out of five white balls plus the Powerball, and are worth from \$30,000 to \$10,000. One of the three tickets was Power Played. Since the Power Play multiplier for the drawing was 3, the normal prize of \$10,000 for matching four of five white balls and the Powerball was increased to \$30,000. The ticket was sold at Uncle Bill's Mini Mart on New Hope Road in **Raleigh**.

Two other Powerball tickets matched four out of five white balls plus the Power Ball, but were not Power Played, so they are worth \$10,000 each. These tickets were sold at Lowes Food on Eastfield Road in **Huntersville** and M.J. Food Mart on Tom Hunter Road in **Charlotte**.

A total of 59,940 North Carolina Powerball players won prizes in Saturday's Powerball drawing, ranging from \$30,000 down to \$3 for a total payout in prizes worth \$490,299. The jackpot for the Wednesday, May 7, Powerball drawing is \$15 million. A ticket matching the five white balls and the Powerball to win the jackpot was purchased in Minnesota.

The NCEL has surpassed its 2006/07 fiscal year total sales by \$1.5 million and there are still eight weeks left in the fiscal year! As of Sunday, May 4, total sales are \$890.8 million, compared to \$889.3 million for the entire 2006/07 fiscal year. In addition, this weekend the NCEL broke the \$2 billion mark in total sales since its launch.

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"We're very proud of achieving these sales milestones," said Tom Shaheen, NCEL executive director. "It means more money for education in North Carolina, which is what we're all about. Thanks to our sales, through March 31, 2008, we've transferred \$628 million to the Education Lottery Fund, and we expect another sizeable return in the last quarter!"

The North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) has paid out more than \$5.5 million total in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Thursday, May 1. Also since Thursday, "Carolina Cash 5" players have won nearly \$326,000 and "Carolina Pick 3" players have won nearly \$906,000 in prizes.

Winner in the May 2 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	Amount Won	Store Where Ticket Was Purchased
Joseph Taylor	Snow Hill	\$196,673	Allan's Convenience Store
			605 Herring Ave. NE, Wilson

Winners in the May 3 Powerball drawing:

Winner	<u>Hometown</u>	Amount Won	Store Where Ticket Was Purchased
Florence Gorgol	Raleigh	\$30,000	Uncle Bill's Mini Mart 1825 New Hope Rd., Raleigh
Lisa Spencer	Huntersville	\$10,000	Lowes Food 13108 Eastfield Rd., Huntersville
Martin Montano	Charlotte	\$10,000	M.J. Food Mart 118 Tom Hunter Rd., Charlotte

Winners in the April 30 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	Amount Won	Store Where Ticket Was Purchased
Peggy Walker	Claremont	\$30,000	Propst Superette #8
			2062 Hwy. 10 East, Newton
Jeffrey Burnette	Candler	\$10,000	Hot Spot 103 Leichester Hwy., Asheville

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	Amount Won	Game Played
Steven Spero	Charlotte	\$75,000	"Harley-Davidson®"
Stanley Marable	Clinton	\$50,000	"Jr. Big Ol' Bucks"
Juan Delgado	Greenville	\$21,000	"BlackJack"
Dennis Cameron	Knightdale	\$10,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Arthur Harris	Morganton	\$10,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Michael Fox	Alexander	\$7,000	"Super 7's"
James Kilpatrick	Kinston	\$7,000	"Super 7's"
David Lackey	Kannapolis	\$7,000	"Super 7's"
Elizabeth Banks	Fayetteville	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Eric Evans	Spring Lake	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Tina Lee	Yadkinville	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"

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"Carolina Cash 5" Top Prize Winners Tally

Prize # of winners \$50,000 to \$856,998 122

Powerball Winners Tally

 Prize
 # of winners

 \$2 Million - \$200,000
 104

 \$100,000 - \$10,000
 613

(The Powerball numbers above are since May 31, 2006, but do not include unclaimed prizes.)

100% of the North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at risk youth, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and college scholarships for need-based individuals.